IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

TUESDAY, THE 5TH DECEMBER 2006 / 14TH AGRAHAYANA 1928

WP(C).No. 32221 of 2006(J)

PETITIONERS:

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1. BALACHANRAN NAIR. P.,
   AGED 40 YEARS, `SNEHATHEERAM',
   H.S.A. GOVT., H.S.S.S., PERIYA P.O.,
   PALLIKKARA VIA., KASARAGOD.

2. VELAYUDHAN. P., S/O.K. RAMAN ACHARY,
   H.S.A., PUTHIYAKANDAM, HOSDURG, KASARAGOD.

3. BOBY GEORGE, AGED 32 YEARS,
   S/O.P.T. GEORGE, (NOT IN SERVICE)
   POOTHURUTHIL HOUSE, RAJAPURAM P.O.,
   KASARAGOD.

BY ADV. SRI.M.V.AMARESAN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. UNIVERSITY OF KERALA,
   REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS,
   KERALA UNIVERSITY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.M.RAJAGOPALAN NAIR, SC, KERALA UTY.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 05/12/2006, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR,J.

W.P.C.NO. 32221 OF 2006

Dated this the 5th day of December, 2006

JUDGMENT

Petitioners have taken Post-graduate degree from the Annamalai University through distant education. Second respondent has declined to issue certificate of equivalence of the degree with that of the similar degrees awarded by the Kerala University because petitioners have not undergone a course study similar to the one provided under the Kerala University Regulations for examinations. Standing counsel for the University submitted that unless course is equivalent in every way including pattern of examinations written by the petitioners, University cannot recognise the degree taken by the petitioners. However, petitioners have not undergone a course study , but have taken the degree through distant education programme, that too, in the course of one year. Admittedly Kerala University does not offer one year course in M.Sc.in any subject and without undergoing a proper course study, no degree is awarded by the University. In the circumstances, the degree obtained by the petitioner obviously is not equivalent to the

corresponding degree awarded by the Kerala University. Therefore petitioners are not entitled to any certificate of equivalence. W.P. is devoid of any merit and is dismissed.

(C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR)
Judge